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In re Application of:	Gil M. Vardi, Charles Davidson, Eric Williams, Amnon Yadin, Yossi Morik, Eitan Konstantino, Tanhum Feld
Application No.:	10/644550
Filed:	August 21, 2003
For:	Stent with Protruding Branch Portion for Bifurcated Vessels
Group Art Unit:	3738

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Commissioner for Patents
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Docket No.: S63.2H-12015-US01

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

1. In regard to the above-identified application, in addition to this 2 page transmittal letter, we are submitting the attached: 4 pg Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, 7 pg of Listing of Patents, 69 references, post card.
2. With respect to fees:
 - ☐ No additional fee is required.
 - ☐ Attached is check(s) in the amount of \$
 - ☒ **Charge the \$180.00 fee to our Deposit Account No. 22-0350.**
3. **CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

This conditional petition is being filed along with the papers identified in Item 1 above and provides for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time or for a petition and fee for any other matter petitionable to the Commissioner as required. If any extension of time for the accompanying response is required or if a petition for any other matter is required, by petitioner, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.
4. Notwithstanding paragraph 2 above, if any additional fees associated with this communication are required and have not otherwise been paid, including any fee associated with the Conditional Petition for Extension of Time, or any request in the accompanying papers for action which requires a fee as a petition to the Commissioner, please charge the additional fees to Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

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Respectfully submitted,

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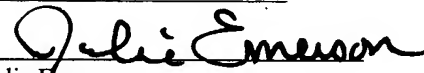
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Listed below or on an attached form listing the cited references and/or a copy of a PTO-892 form is information known to applicant(s). A copy of each listed foreign patent and each listed publication other than U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications is being submitted herewith, along with a concise explanation of information in a foreign language, if any, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97-1.98, *except that* U.S. patents and U.S. published applications from which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120, and documents cited in such priority applications, may be omitted from the enclosures pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.98(d). Applicant's submission of copies of unpublished U.S. applications does not constitute a waiver of the confidentiality of such applications. As such, **Applicant requests that any copies of unpublished US applications submitted herewith be excluded from the file wrapper pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.14.**

Applicants respectfully request that the listed information be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the above-identified application. If the form listing the cited references or PTO-892 from a prior application is enclosed, the Examiner is requested to initial and return it in accordance with MPEP §609.

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_____ **I.** This statement qualifies as a no-fee Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b) or otherwise because to the knowledge of the undersigned attorney it is being filed (check all that apply):

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Respectfully submitted,

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	AD	5342387	8/30/94	Summers	606/198		
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